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Re: Application of Kunichika KUBOTA, Hideshi NAKATSU, Shugo  
KOMATSUBARA  
COLD DIE STEEL EXCELLENT IN CHARACTERISTIC OF SUPPRESSING  
DIMENSIONAL CHANGE  
Assignee: **HITACHI METALS, LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q88482

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 3 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☐ a copy of the IPER.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☐ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
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Base Fee									\$300.00
Search Fee									\$500.00
Examination Fee									\$200.00
									\$
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									\$1000.00
<b>Recordation of Assignment</b>									\$ 40.00
<b><u>TOTAL FEE</u></b>									<u>\$1040.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1000.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2002-373727	December 25, 2002

The entire disclosure(s) of the prior application(s), Japanese application numbers JP 2002/373727 filed December 25, 2002 is/are considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is/are hereby incorporated by reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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